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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 115383 TOSEC 040368

GENEVA S/S FOR GELB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUPPLEMENTARY TALKING POINTS TO BE DRAWN  
UPON IN EXPLAINING PRESIDENTIAL DECISION ON US ARMS SALES  
POLICY. BASIC GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.
2. FYI: THE NEW POLICY DEALS PRIMARILY WITH ARMS

TRANSFERS. IT WILL NOT AFFECT MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUNDING IN ZAIRE IN FY'78. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS PROPOSED TO CONGRESS AN FY '78 FUNDING LEVEL. BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES HAVE RECOMMENDED CUTS IN THE ZAIRE PROGRAM. WE ARE AWAITING FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. MILITARY ASSISTANCE BEYOND FY '78 WILL OF COURSE BE EVALUATED IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW POLICY GUIDELINES. END FYI.

3. GIVEN THE RECENT PRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE ON BOTH HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT GROUNDS, THE GOZ MAY ASK WHETHER ZAIRE IS LIKELY TO BE A PARTICULAR TARGET FOR ARMS TRANSFER REDUCTIONS. IF THIS IS ASKED, EMBASSY MAY RESPOND ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- OF COURSE HUMAN RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN WE REVIEW OUR ARMS TRANSFER POLICIES IN ZAIRE, AS IN EVERY OTHER COUNTRY.

-- IN THE CASE OF MILITARY SALES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WE WILL WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT SCARCE RESOURCES ARE USED ONLY FOR ARMS THAT ARE DEFINITELY NEEDED. THE RECENT CRISIS IN ZAIRE HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS NEED FOR AID IN DEVELOPING THE CAPACITY TO DEFEND ITS ECONOMICALLY VITAL AREAS, AS WELL AS FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. CHRISTOPHER

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